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In re: U.S.S.N.10/044,920 :  
Filed: January 15, 2002 :  
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Invention: PROCESS FOR (A)SEPARATING :  
BIOLOGICAL LIGANDS FROM :  
DILUTE SOLUTIONS AND (b) :  
CONDUCTING AN :  
IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC :  
ASSAY THEREOF EMPLOYING :  
SUPERPARAMAGNETIC PARTICLES :  
THROUGHOUT

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**  
**MAILED MAY 31, 2002.**

Applicants herewith submit an abstract on a separate sheet of paper, the declaration of the inventors and a check to cover the surcharge fee of \$65.00 A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is also submitted herewith.

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**Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

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The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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